



Spring Term Outline

Welcome to our Curriculum Outline for the coming term.

<p>Reading</p>	<p>Reading is going to continue to be a real focus this term using our VIPER skills. We ask that the Reading Records are brought in every day and an adult in school will check them daily. Please can you sign your child’s Reading record every night so we can work together to make reading a daily enjoyable task. Reminder: your child can choose their own books. However, if you feel your child is struggling with a text, please make a note in the Reading Log and I will change the book. If your child is very engaged and excited about the story, you can of course read the book with them. Spring Reading Passports will be sent out this week. Please encourage and support your child in completing these reading tasks.</p>
<p>English</p>	<p>This term we will be focusing on two picture books: Escape from Pompeii by Christina Balit and Cinderella of the Nile by Beverley Naidoo. We will be completing a variety of pieces of writing including: Fiction: setting descriptions, diaries, letters, thought bubbles. Non-Fiction: instructions, poster and newspaper report. Our Grammar foci are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital letters and full stops; • Using conjunctions and prepositions; • Starting sentences with adverbs; • Using apostrophes for omission and contraction; • Using past and present tense; • Using commas in a list.
<p>Maths</p>	<p>In Maths we are focussing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Times tables and counting in multiples of 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8. • The concept of multiplication and commutativity. • Comparing statements using < > and =? • Multiply 2-digits by 1-digit numbers. • Solve division problems with a remainder. • Solving problems using scaling. • Measurement: money. Identifying the value of each coin and note. Converting between pounds and pence. • Statics – using tally charts to record data, pictograms and horizontal/vertical pictograms. • Measurement: length and perimeter. • Number: Fractions <p>Times tables are a real focus this term. Please do encourage your child to be practising these at home to ensure a good foundation when working on unknown multiplication and division equations.</p>

RE	In RE our topic is reconciliation. We will be discussing what it means to make the wrong choice and we will reflect on wrong choices. We will be linking this to how Jesus called people away from sin and the creation of Sacraments for Reconciliation. RHE lessons are also linked with RE.	
Science We are learning about rocks, soils and fossils. We will be comparing and grouping rocks and discussing how fossils are created. We will also observe soils and examine their properties before grouping them according to the results. After half term, we will be moving on to forces and magnets.	Art Our Art topic this term is still life. We will be commenting on still life paintings and recreating them in the style of different artist. This term, our key artist is Guiseppe Acrimboldo.	Geography We are learning about mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes. We will be conducting our own research into the workings of rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes. By the end of the unit, your child will have produced their own PowerPoint presentation on all we have learned.
Computing We are learning all about Scratch; discussing its purpose and impact. The children will be focusing on creating digital stories, games and animations. We will also be linking our Geography learning to our Computing learning this term as we create PowerPoints.	RHE In RHE we are focussing on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeping safe and happy online. • Sharing online. • Chatting online. • First Aid Heroes. • Friends, Family and Others. Team building lessons are continuing this term as well, with a focus on empathy and kindness.	
Music We will be focusing on a piece of music called the Firebird. We will be developing our listening skills reviewing the piece of music. We will explore how the music is created and reflect on pitch, duration, tempo, timbre and texture. We will also begin to use notation to reflect music sounds.	PE On Monday afternoons, PE is taught by our outside coaches. Coach Mike (lacrosse teacher) will also be back this term to teach Dodgeball with Year 3. After half term, we are going to be focussing on improving the quality of our gymnastic movements. We will be introduced to the term's 'extension' and 'body tension.' We will develop the basic skills of rolling, jumping and balancing and use them individually and in combination.	
Forthcoming Dates and Events Please let me know if your child is planning on making their First Holy Communion at any church other than St James'. Trips will be confirmed later in the term – we are attending Methodist Baptist Church next week and hope to be attending Chislehurst Caves this term.		
Things to Bring In Stationery: Pritt Sticks/Glue, blue handwriting pens and whiteboard pens. All items in your child's PE kit must be labelled.		
French In French we will be learning about how expressing preferences, asking simple questions and numbers 12-20.		

Catholic Virtues Focus:

This term we will be learning about **patience** and **honesty**.

Additional Information

Please ensure that your child has an apron in school, labelled with their name.

If your child has pierced ears and cannot take their earrings out please pop some tape in their PE bags/ school bags so that they can cover their earrings during PE.